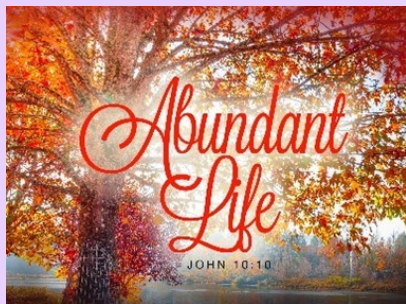


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Jesus said, “ **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.** (Jn. 10:10). To accept Jesus’ invitation to a fuller life, we must be willing to **move beyond** a routine, fearful, or limited existence and live the dynamic, abundant life. We live the **abundant life** by daring to **discover** more of our **spiritual identity** and potential.

To live the abundant life, we must stop taking each day for granted. In each moment of every God-given day, we are surrounded by sparkling treasures, **divine gifts**, and **remarkable opportunities**. Witnessing a sunrise, following the flight of a soaring bird, or observing the reflection of trees and clouds and sunshine in a clear pond are each simple causes for thanksgiving, **if** we will but take the time to appreciate them.

Living the abundant life begins by gently and quietly opening our eyes to the miracle of the moment and to God. When we do this, an inner spiritual awakening takes place that alters our perceptions, so we see with new eyes.

Do you wish to live the abundant life and see life in a new way? Then, **praise** and give thanks for even the smallest blessings in your life. **Let go** of past regrets and the chains of challenge that have bound you. Anything you have given your attention to becomes a thing of the past the moment you release it.

God has provided abundantly for us so that we can live life fully right here and now! It’s **ours if** we turn to God within and follow the desires that God has stored within our heart.

And what are your dreams and desires? **Contemplate** this important question. Call upon the **wisdom** of the Spirit within you to reveal the **divine purpose** of your life and know that new doors are opening for the expression of that purpose. Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you" (Mt. 7:7). During your times of prayer, know that the **divine purpose of your life** is being expressed in **wonderful ways**. Listen!

What is valuable and meaningful to you? What do you treasure? Perhaps it is the people that you love, excellent health, greater spiritual understanding, or the ability to live independently and productively. **What are your expectations of life?** Take some time to **write** these things down and, as you go about the business of living, **pause** for a moment now and then to ask yourself if the **activity** in your life is **consistent** with what is really important to you.